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Senator Vest of this state, has introduced a currency bill in congress, that, while not so lenient as some that have proceeded it, shows that he is not in sympathy with his toiling constituents. Some of the features of the bill are very fair, but the provision for bonds would likely be used as the word "gold" in the Sherman silver bill, interpreted the way Wall street and English blood-seeking aristocracy would wish. To give our readers a fair idea of Vest's scheme we publish the following synopsis of the bill: Vest's bill provides a treasury notes and gold and silver certificates shall be destroyed and a equal amount of notes payable in silver and gold and silver coin issued, none less denomination than \$10, to be legal tender for all debts. It repeats law for deposit of gold or silver bullion in the treasury, outstanding gold certificates to be paid in gold, silver certificates in silver if the gold in the treasury amounts to less than \$100,000,000; if more the secretary of the treasury may exercise his discretion to redeem in gold or silver; repeals all laws authorizing national banks to issue notes; makes it the duty of the secretary of the treasury, within twelve months, to sell United States bonds deposited in the treasury by national banks to secure circulation in case of national banks retiring circulation or going out of business, and after redeeming their notes, pay the surplus to banks among bonds sold; requires the secretary of the treasury as fast as possible to coin silver bullion for the treasury, including seigniorage, this coin to be used in payment of public expenditures and redemption of coin notes. When the revenues of the government not sufficient to meet current expenses, the secretary shall issue coins and notes enough to cover the deficiency. Laws authorizing issue of interest bearing bonds are repealed and provision made for issue from time to time of five years 3 per cent bonds enough to keep \$100,000,000 gold reserve intact. It provides for free and unlimited coining of silver dollars of 12½ grains weight, the government to retain seigniorage based on the New York market price of silver bullion.

The Denver, Colo., W. C. T. U., passed a resolution recently praising Ex-Gov. Waite, Populist, for the effort he had made while governor to suppress gambling and other sins. The resolution cited the fact that he was the first governor who had attempted to enforce the anti-gambling acts. These resolutions seems like mockery, for when the W. C. T. U. and the different church organizations had the chance to continue Mr. Waite in the position of governor they almost unitedly refused to do so, and preferred to follow their political prejudices rather than principles advocated. In other words, he was a crank on election day, but the best Christian governor the state ever possessed after they had retired him from office.

A black eye was given Carlisle's currency scheme in con res last Thursday, but some similar bill will be reported and likely to pass the house in the senate it would undoubtedly fail. With five Populist senators the robbing plan would surely be defeated the present session. If it could not be defeated no other way, Senators Allen and Stewart could talk until the end of the session, March 4th, which would kill the measure for the time. We believe Wall Street and Cleveland are determined to force some such measure, but it is now too late to accomplish their hellish design during the present session. What the next congress will do, is hard to tell at this time.

The Pennsylvania railroad contract for rails for 1895 at \$22 a ton.—Constitution-Democrat.

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J. S. Hall, who some years ago was "bounced" from the Missouri alliance, voted last week in congress for Carlisle's robbing currency scheme. Hall must have changed wonderfully since forced out of the alliance or dishonest while a member of that organization.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 12, 1895. This has been a fateful week in Congress. The House deliberately crushed the administration currency bill and gave its ears—the committee on Rules—a black eye, by voting down the order reported from that committee, fixing a time to vote the currency bill, a vote of 129 to 122. There is still a new currency bill that will get the support of the silver men by providing for an extended use of silver money, but the general impression is that no financial legislation will be had at this session and that an extra session of the next Congress must be called. There is little regret in or out of Congress over the defeat of the currency bill, which had very few earnest supporters, even among those who were its professed friends. The trouble was that no one believed the bill would afford any real relief either to the treasury or to the country and the belief is general that the currency bill would have been defeated by a larger majority than was recorded if it had reached a vote.

No bill that is not satisfactory to the silver Senators can pass the Senate, in fact, a conference of silver Senators this week decided that no bill should be allowed to reach a vote which does not provide for the unlimited coining of silver. Speaking of this decision Senator Teller said: "We shall not yield an inch so far as unlimited coining is concerned. I do not say that we shall have to have free coining. On the contrary, I think that the government might charge, as is proposed, the difference between the market and the coined value of the bullion as signorage for coining. What we insist upon is that coining shall not be limited to \$50,000,000 or to any other sum." Senator Jones, of Ark., says of the proposition for the unlimited coining of silver:

"There is no reason to fear any disturbance of the financial world of coining under this plan should be authorized. If the owners of silver bullion get from the government only the same price they get in the market they will not rush to the mints, but the fact that they do so will give silver a better standing."

Coxey was in Washington this week. He expected to have talked to a Congressional committee about his non-interest bearing bond scheme, but was compelled to be satisfied with talking to a sub-committee of four members of the House Ways and Means Committee and to such individuals as he got a chance at. He also expected to have explained the scheme to President Cleveland, but when he called at the White House private secretary Thurber met him with the old story about arranging a time for an interview with the President and sending a note to inform him of the time he should come to the White House. That note was never sent, and Coxey left Washington without seeing the President. He says he will come again, and announced his willingness to run for President.

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals handed down two very important decisions this week. The first that he inflicted against the witnesses who refused to answer questions asked by the Senate committee which investigated the sugar scandal and said that the witnesses must stand trial for the offense charged in the witness-ads and the second, that the Secretary of the Treasury was right in refusing to pay out money for bonds in view of the repeal of the baneful law. There was no speech yesterday attached to the last decision which was the most important part of it. That was the declaration of two of the three members of the Court that Congress has no Constitutional right to grant any other sort of bounties to private citizens. This has long been a disputed question, and, notwithstanding this decision, it will continue to be until our highest judicial body—the U. S. Supreme Court—has expressed its opinion thereon.

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